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**Dillon Ranger District announces new fees at Green Mountain Reservoir**

**Silverthorne, Colo. (March 15, 2013)** – There will be several changes this summer to the fees charged for use of recreation facilities at or around the Green Mountain Reservoir and Cataract Lakes.

There will now be a \$13 per campsite per night fee for camping (\$26 for double sites). Previously, the fee was \$5 per vehicle. This new fee allows a group to have up to two vehicles parked in a camping spur. For groups with more than two vehicles, an additional \$5 per vehicle per night will be charged. A \$65 season pass will continue to be offered, providing an individual or family (with up to 2 vehicles) unlimited camping at any of the campgrounds all summer. The 14-day stay limit applies. These passes are now on sale at the Dillon Ranger Station in Silverthorne and at the Melody Lodge Cabins in Heeney starting May 1.

The former fee structure for campgrounds at Green Mountain Reservoir did not generate sufficient revenue to cover the cost of operating or upgrading the facilities. This area receives about 20,000 visitors during the season of May through October, with the high use occurring in July and August. The former fees had been in place since 2001 when the area was designated a recreation fee site. This new fee schedule was developed with the help of representatives of Heeney businesses, local recreation users, and other organizations. An extensive public review process was followed and approval was granted last year.

In the last few years, new tables have been installed at some of the campgrounds and new toilets have been installed at Elliot Creek and Prairie Point Campgrounds. With use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds, there are twelve new campsites and two campground host sites at Cow Creek South Campground as well as an improved entrance from Highway 9. The sites at this campground are reservable at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

The proposed fee schedule will apply to Prairie Point, McDonald Flats, Cataract Creek, Elliot Creek, Willows, Cow Creek North, and Cow Creek South campgrounds. “The new fees are comparable to those charged at Dillon Reservoir and the Arapaho National Recreation Area at Grand Lake,” says Ken Waugh, Dillon Ranger District Recreation Staff Officer.

Areas that no longer require a fee include: the trailheads in the Cataract area (Surprise, Eaglesmere, and Cataract Lake); parking at the McDonald Flats Boat Ramp; and day use (fishing, picnicking, or boating) at the campgrounds. Day use parking areas will be available and designated as such.

For additional information, contact the Dillon Ranger District at 970-468-5400 or visit the White River National Forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver](http://www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver) (Navigate to Recreation and Camping).

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